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VIA ECF

Hon. Laura T. Swain
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St.
New York, NY 10007-1312

MEMO ENDORSED

RE: *Victor Lopez v. Vans, Inc.*
Case No. 1:19-cv-11809-LTS-OTW
Third Unopposed Letter Motion to Stay Case

Dear Judge Swain:

As you know, I represent Defendant, VF Outdoor, LLC (“VF Outdoor”), in this case. I write with the consent of Plaintiff’s counsel to request a further stay of all proceedings in this case. This request is made to permit the Court and the parties to benefit from a forthcoming ruling by the Second Circuit.

As background, the above-captioned case is before the Court along with two related matters (*Lopez v. Timberland LLC*, Case No. 19-cv-11769-LTS-OTW and *Lopez v. VF Outdoor, LLC d/b/a The North Face*, Case No. 1:19-cv-11768-LTS-OTW) in which Plaintiff asserts that VF Outdoor has violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, the New York State Human Rights Law, and the New York City Human Rights Law with respect to the gift cards associated with its the North Face, Timberland, and Vans brands. Pursuant to a prior ruling of the Court, this case is currently stayed until November 4, 2020.

As discussed in the parties’ prior request to stay filed on July 30, 2020 (Doc. No. 17), the parties sought a stay of this case pending a decision from the Second Circuit in the consolidated appeal in *Mendez v. Ann Taylor, Inc.*, Case No. 20-1550, which the parties believe will directly impact this case. The *Mendez* appeal is now scheduled to be argued the week of January 11, 2021.

As such, the parties believe that a continued stay of the instant case favors judicial economy, in that it will allow the Court and the parties to benefit from consideration of the same legal issues to be presented to and ultimately decided by the Second Circuit. A stay also allows the parties and the Court to conserve resources by avoiding potentially unnecessary briefing at a time when both Court staff and counsel are continuing to work under many unusual constraints necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For these reasons, the parties respectfully request that the Court extend the stay in this case for an additional ninety (90) days. If the Second Circuit has not reached a decision by February 4, 2020, the parties will reassess whether the stay should continue and will file a status report updating the Court accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Bradley Gurion Marks, Esq. (via ECF)

The requested stay extension is granted. DE# 22 resolved.

SO ORDERED.

11/02/2020

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain